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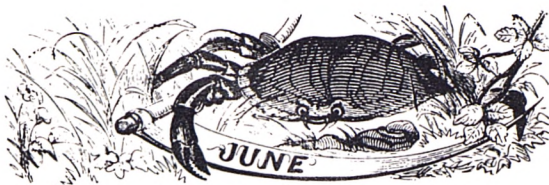
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Grace

You are in the dining car
ordering breakfast; a thin man
enters in a new suit. He sits
across from you. You smile.
He talks about his job, about
his wife. He is shorter than you;
he would tell you anything.
When his tray comes, he reaches
into his vest, produces a pair
of flesh-colored gloves. He puts
the left one on. He puts the right
one on before lifting a fork.
You do not ask a question.

-- Dennis Trudell

Selinsgrove, Pa.